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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED ARTICLE 34:6 SITUATION THIS WEEK WITH SEVERAL MIDDLE-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DREE OFFICIALS. WHILE THEY TOOK RELAXED, CONCILIATORY APPROACH TO TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING AND TO THE LINK BETWEEN MONETARY REFORM AND THE MTN, AND WHILE THEY WERE FRANK AND FORTHCOMING IN THEIR COMMENTS ON EC-COMECON RELATIONS, THEY TOOK EXTREMELY FIRM LINE ON 24:6 CONCES-
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SIONS TO US. FRENCH VIEW, AS EXPRESSED BY THESE WORKING LEVEL

OFFICIALS, IS THAT EC IS PREPARING SATISFACTORY OFFER TO THE FIVE DEFICIT COUNTRIES AND THERE IS NO QUESTION OF MAKING ADDITIONAL, SPECIAL OFFER TO THE US. THE FRENCH ARGUE THAT THE US PROFITS TWICE: ONCE WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TARRIFF OF THE EC NINE THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF LOWER RATES THAN EXISTED BEFORE CREATION OF THE EC OF NINE, AND ONCE AGAIN WHEN CONCESSIONS ARE GRANTED TO THE FIVE DEFICIT COUNTRIES.

2. FRENCH OFFICIALS WERE RELUCTANT TO GIVE MANY DETAILS OF THEIR POSITION TOWARDS THE PROPOSED LIST OF ITEMS TO BE OFFERED AS COMPENSATION. ONE OFFICIAL DID ADMIT THAT GOF WAS ATTEMPTING TO KEEP OFF LIST ANY ITEM WHICH WAS IMPORTANT TO THE US BUT NOT IMPORTANT TO ONE OR MORE OF THE DEFICIT COUNTRIES. HE ALSO SAID GOF WOULD INSIST ON REMOVING TRUCKS, TRACTORS AND SPECIAL KIND OF PAPER PRESUMABLY KRAFT PAPER FROM LIST. HE SAID GOF WAS STUDYING QUESTION OF ADDING OTHER ITEMS TO THE LIST, PARTICULARLY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FROM MALAYSIA AND POLAND. ANOTHER OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT ORANGES WERE NOT AN IMPORTANT EXPORT FOR THE US TO THE EC.

3. IN OTHER WORDS, THE FRENCH ARE APPARENTLY MOVING AHEAD TO PROVIDE EC COMPENSATION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE COUNTRIES EC FEELS IT WOULD SOMETHING TO BUT WILL RESIST CONCESSIONS WHICH ARE OF BENEFIT PRIMARILY TO US. IT WOULD THUS APPEAR THAT THE GREATER FLEXIBILITY WHICH BRUNET INDICATED (PARIS 20311) WILL NOT PREVENT GOF FROM TAKING AN EXTREMELY TOUGH POSITION IN THE EC DISCUSSIONS ON THE COMMISSION'S LIST. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE UNDERSTAND THAT OTHER MEMBER STATES ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH VARIOUS ITEMS ON THE LIST. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY FURTHER APPROACH TO THE FRENCH SHOULD BE PART OF A CONCERTED APPROACH TO ALL THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ALONG THE LINES OF THE MALMGREN-RENNER SUGGESTION IN GENEVA'S 3953, BEARING IN MIND THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FIND ANYONE IN PARIS, AND PRESUMABLY IN THE OTHER EC CAPITALS AS WELL TO WHOM TO MAKE SUCH REPRESENTATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.
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